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## MEDIA ADVISORY: Tribes to take on energy deregulation

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**Who:** The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of the <u>Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians</u> (ATNI) is gearing up for the deregulation of the electric utility industry.

What: ATNI-EDC will announce the formation of a unique partnership with the Bonneville Power Administration. The partnership will help its member tribes build a solid foundation for making informed choices about opportunities regarding energy deregulation. BPA will provide \$200,000 to support ATNI-EDC's efforts.

**When:** A celebration of the partnership will take place Friday, Aug. 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. Reporters are invited to attend.

Where: Bonneville Power Administration Headquarters, 905 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland, Ore.

Why: ATNI-EDC believes energy deregulation could present many opportunities for Northwest tribes. It wants to work with BPA to make sure the tribes get the best information so they can make sound decisions for their communities.

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